



## OTTO HESS TRAINEE AWARD OF THE SWISS SOCIETY OF CARDIOLOGY

### Rules for Entry

1. The *Otto Hess Trainee Award* aims to recognize and support young trainees in cardiology who are actively engaged in cardiovascular research at an early stage of their careers.
2. Each year approx. 3 trainees are awarded CHF 5'000.- each. The award is funded by the *Swiss Society of Cardiology* and granted by the board of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology*. A person can receive this award only once.
3. The prize money is to be used for the winner's personal research activities. Eligible uses are research project equipment or disposables, expenses for results presentations at scientific meetings or congresses, training visits in other research institutions, or participation in postgraduate courses in the field of the prize winners research interests. The awardee must use the grant within 2 years.
4. Applicants must be  $\leq 32$  years of age at the submission deadline. The applicant must be in cardiology training at an SIWF-accredited\* institution for specialty training in cardiology or for subspecialty training in pediatric cardiology at the deadline of submission.
5. Eligible for submission are doctoral theses, full-length publications in a peer-reviewed journal, or presentations at one of the following international cardiology congresses: annual meetings of the ESC, ACC, AHA or WCC\*\*. The applicant must be (co-)first author of the submitted work. The submitted research work must have been conducted in Switzerland. The work must be published/presented or accepted for publication/presentation in the year before deadline of submission. The date of acceptance by the medical faculty applies to doctoral theses.
6. Applications should include the following documents as 1 PDF file: 1) short CV; 2) thesis, publication, or abstract to be considered (if applicable with letter of acceptance); 3) confirmation of training in cardiology or pediatric cardiology by the training institution. The application documents should include information about all relevant rules of entry.
7. The awardee(s) will be selected by the *Otto Hess Trainee Award Jury*. The award jury typically consists of 9 representatives from the Swiss university hospitals (Basel, Bern, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich), other Swiss hospitals with research activities in cardiology and at least 1 representative of the board of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology*. The jury members are elected for 4 years by the board of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology* and may be re-elected.
8. The award will typically be awarded during the annual meeting of the *Swiss Society of Cardiology*.

Applications should be submitted by March 31<sup>st</sup> to [luisa.schaefer@swisscardio.ch](mailto:luisa.schaefer@swisscardio.ch).  
Submissions in German, French or English are accepted.

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\* SIWF: Schweizerisches Institut für ärztliche Weiter- und Fortbildung

\*\* ESC: European Society of Cardiology; ACC: American College of Cardiology; AHA: American Heart Association; WCC: World Congress of Cardiology.